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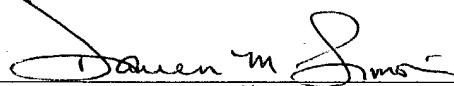
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Serial No. : 09/468,053  
For : IMAGE PICKUP METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action which issued August 12, 2004, please consider the following amendment to the above-referenced application.